Tihar inmates suffering from pschotic disorders

1630. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Tihar Jail inmates suffer from psychotic disorders;

(b) whether the hospital lacks in adequate number of well-trained psyhiatrists and social workers; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to stem the rise of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) 150 out of 12,376 inmates of Tihar Jail were reportedly suffering from various psychotic disorder including insomnia, depression, behavioural disorder, tension and poor impulse control as on 9th December, 2003.

(b) and (c) Facilities provided by the Government in the Tihar Jail Hospital for treatment of the inmates suffering from psychotic disorder include services of one Junior Specialist (Psychiatrist), one Senior Resident (Psychiatrist) and one visiting Psychiatrist supported by para-medical staff; one Psychiatry Ward with 35 beds; all emergency services; and availability of essential anti-psychotic medicines.

Collaboration with Swiss Confederations for disaster management

1631. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with Swiss Confederation for co-operation and collaboration for disaster management; and

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement and what infrastructure has been created or arrangements made to secure effective and timely co-operation and collaboration from Swiss Confederation in fighting any disasters, natural or otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The